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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AHMED ET AL.

Examiner

Thjuan P Knowlin

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 August 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson et al (US 6,262,979).
3. In regards to claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 16, and 17, Anderson discloses a conference call and network telephone system (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2), comprising: one or more network (Network 1 12 and Network 2 14); three or more telephone units interconnected by said one or more network to provide three or more participants of a conference call, at least one of said telephone with receiving and sending data packets including voice data packets (col. 5 lines 14-32); a display (LCD) connected to at least one of said telephone units or forming a part of at least one of said telephone units (col. 3 lines 37-39); a device for monitoring calls (DMA controller 68 and processor 66) of at least one of said telephone units to provide data to said display for showing conference call participant information as to the telephone units participating in the conference call (col. 8 lines 43-58; an input device (I/O devices 15 [e.g., the handset]) associated with said display for selecting any of the telephone units from the conference call participant information and dropping the selected telephone unit from the conference call (col. 5 lines 33-37).

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4. In regards to claim 2, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein at least two of said three or more telephone units receive and send data packets including voice data packets (col. 5 lines 14-32).

5. In regards to claim 4, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein said display is provided as part of at least one of said telephone units receiving and sending data packets and said input device is provided as part of at least one of said telephone units receiving and sending data packets (col. 3 lines 37-39, col. 4 lines 24-40, and col. 6 lines 25-33).

6. In regards to claims 5 and 14, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein said input device includes a button positioned adjacent to said display and a portion of said display indicating the function of said button (col. 3-4 lines 65-10 and col. 6 lines 25-33).

7. In regards to claims 6, 7, and 15, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, wherein said display is a display associated with a computer network (computer system 14) device (col. 4 lines 50-52), and said input device is provided as part of said computer network device (Fig. 2, col. 4 lines 41-56, and col. 7-8 lines 59-7).

8. In regards to claims 10, 11, 12, and 13, Anderson discloses a conference call telephone system, further comprising a network call processor (DMA controller and processor 66) connected to said distributed network for monitoring data traffic to and from said plurality of network telephones (col. 8 lines 43-58), said call processor establishing a conference call including generating a list of all participants and forwarding the list to one or more of said plurality of network telephones in said list of all

participants for sending multicast or unicast transmission to the network address based on said list of all participants (col. 5 lines 33-56).

### ***Response to Arguments***

9. Applicant's arguments filed 07/22/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

10. Applicant argues that Anderson does not teach nor suggest a device for monitoring the calls and to provide data to the display showing conference call participant information with regard to telephone units participating in the conference call. Examiner respectfully disagrees with this argument. Anderson does teach and suggest a device (DMA controller 68 and processor 66) for monitoring the calls (col. 8 lines 43-58) and to provide data to the display showing conference call participant information with regard to telephone units participating in the conference call (col. 5 lines 33-46 and col. 8-9 lines 66-3). Applicant states that an input device associated with the display for selecting any of the telephone units from the conference call participating information, is not taught or suggested in Anderson. Anderson, however, does teach and suggest an input device (I/O devices 15 [e.g., the handset]) associated with the display for selecting any of the telephone units from the conference call participating information (col. 5 lines 33-37). Although Applicant argues differently, Anderson does teach and suggest a structure, which drops a selected telephone unit from a conference call (col. 5 lines 33-37). Applicant further argues that Anderson does not teach nor suggest a display, which displays all or part of a list of identities of combined packets. Examiner

respectfully disagrees with this argument. Anderson does teach and suggest a display (LCD) which displays all or part of a list of identities of combined packets (col. 3 line 32-48 and col. 5 lines 33-46).

### ***Conclusion***

11. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

12. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

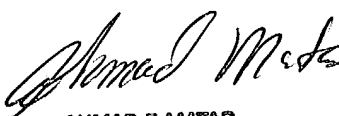
13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

14. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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15. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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